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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN VIEWS ON FORTHCOMING CIEP COMMISSION MEETINGS

REF: STATE 15466, STATE 14278, STATE 13335, STATE 13124

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SEVERAL ASPECTS FORTHCOMING CIEP COMMISSION MEETINGS WITH M.W. "MAX" HUGHES, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES SECTION, ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) DRAWING PRINCIPALLY ON STATE 14278 AND STATE 13335.

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2. HUGHES WELCOMED IDEA USE PROPOSED HLGC MEETING FEB 9-10 AS PREPARATORY SESSION FOR CORM MEETING. GROUP B PAPER SEEN AS USEFUL TOOL FOR HLGC DISCUSSIONS. IT ALSO SEEN AS "GOOD STARTING POINT" FOR CORM DISCUSSIONS, BUT AUSTRALIA AFRAID TOO HEAVY INSISTANCE GROUP B PAPER MIGHT LEAD TO DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONFRONTATION. DFA HOPES CORM CAN BE PROVIDED WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY OF ACTION. ON OTHER HAND, DFA VIEWS G-19 LIST AS CERTAINLY A "SHOPPING LIST" AND EVEN PERHAPS A "LIST OF DEMANDS" CONTAINING CERTAIN ITEMS, SUCH AS LOS PROPOSALS, WHICH COMMISSIONS NOT COMPETENT DISCUSS.

3. FOR ITS OWN PECULIAR LOGISTIC REASONS, AUSTRALIA FAVORS COMMISSION SESSIONS OF ABOUT TEN DAYS DURATION. GOA BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT SEND A. J. MCGOLDRICK FROM CANBERRA TO ATTEND CORM SESSIONS AND IS CONSIDERING SENDING PAUL A. BARRATT, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ENERGY PLANNING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCES (FORMERLY MINERALS AND ENERGY), TO AUDIT SESSIONS OF ENERGY COMMISSION. AS TRAVEL COSTS VERY HIGH AND PUBLIC SERVICE OVERSEAS TRAVEL STRICTLY CONTROLLED, GOA AFRAID NOT ENOUGH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SHORT 3-5 DAY SESSIONS. THEY APPRECIATE OUR FEAR THAT LONGER SESSIONS COULD LEAD TO IDEOLOGICAL RHETORIC, BUT APPEAR BELIEVE TIGHT REIN BY CHAIRMEN COULD AVOID THIS.

4. GOA SHARES OUR VIEWS ON 4-6 WEEK INTERVALS BETWEEN COMMISSION SESSIONS AND IN STAGGERING MEETINGS OF SEVERAL COMMISSIONS.

5. GOA SHARES OUR VIEW OF THRUST OF FIRST COMMISSION SESSIONS AND OF SUBSEQUENT SESSION IN MID-MARCH.

6. AUSTRALIAN IDEAS ON OBSERVERS TO CORM TALLIES ALMOST EXACTLY WITH OURS, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD INCLUDE IMF AT A LATER DATE IF SUCH MATTERS AS COMPENSATORY FINANCING WERE TO BE DISCUSSED.
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7. GOA BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT SUPERVISORY ROLE OF CO-CHAIRMEN CAUCUS SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED ENTIRELY SHOULD CAUCUS ATTEMPT DEAL WITH SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. GOA THUS SUPPORTS US VIEW AS TO HOW ISSUE OF OBSERVERS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED TO COMMISSIONS.
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